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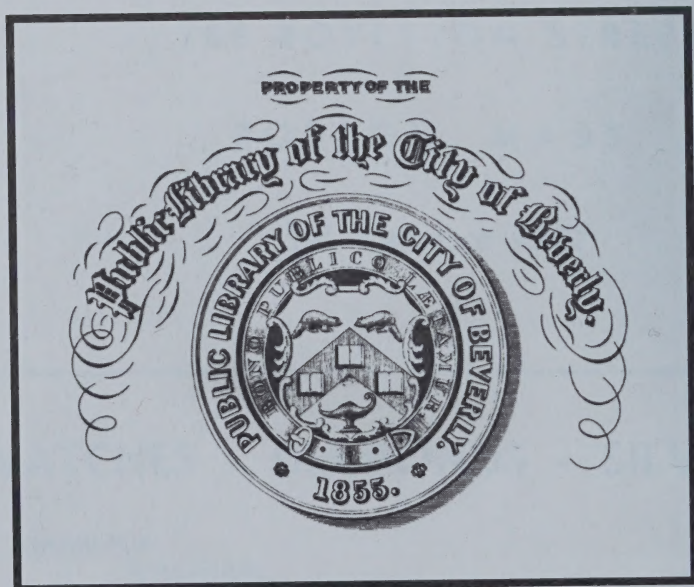
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"How I long to travel back some day
To that little homestead far away!"

—ELEANOR DAVIS.

THE OLD HOMESTEAD

*The Homestead on the side of the hill
Across the road from the old saw mill,
Lives long in my memory; it's very dear,
Drawing the scenes of my childhood near.
The fireplace casts its shadows tall
Against the kitchen's smoke-stained wall;
A beacon light, through the window bright,
Guides the lone traveler through the night.
How often through the long dim years
Fond memories live through joy and tears.
How I long to travel back some day
To that little homestead far away!*

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WHEN school reopened in September Mr. Leslie R. Jones assumed his duties as principal of the Briscoe Junior High School. Formerly a member of the Beverly High School faculty, neither the Beverly school system nor the Beverly students were strangers to him.

During the four months Mr. Jones has been at Briscoe he has won the loyalty and respect of both the students and the faculty. He has displayed a fine spirit of co-operation and willingness to help any student in need. The future years under the leadership of Mr. Jones look promising for Briscoe.

Alice Dalton.

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FAITH RETURNS WITH CHRISTMAS

T'WAS Christmas time. Christmas in the days of long ago. From offices, private schools, and colleges, came excited, joyful groups of both young and old, eager to greet their loved ones, and to enjoy the supreme happiness of a Christmas holiday. What a long, cold trip it was in the open sleighs, which drew them so slowly to their destinations. However, the discomforts of those winter journeys were forgotten in their great anticipation of the gay days to come.

Today, with its modern modes of travel, its luxury, and its rush, has not changed the spirit existing in the hearts of young and old as the Christmas season again approaches. With it comes the realization that a closer association with loved ones, and the importance of true friendship cannot be purchased at any price.

As this season draws near, just as in the Christmas days of centuries ago, the Lord is still the Shepherd, and his people, the same faithful herd of sheep.

—MARY PETRONZIO, 8-LC.

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A MODERN METHOD OF EDUCATION

THROUGH the efforts of Superintendent King and the School Committee a new Bell-Howell sixteen-millimeter sound equipment motion picture machine, complete in every detail, is now available for use in the public schools of Beverly. The machine is equipped for silent movies also, as well as with a phonograph input, an amplifier, and a microphone.

To date, at Briscoe, the students have witnessed thirteen showings of pictures related to homemaking, social studies, and science. These films help to further the students' knowledge in subjects which otherwise might have left only vague impressions in their minds. A very helpful as well as interesting class discussion usually follows, bringing out details which may have been overlooked by some. The time taken to see these pictures is well spent.

If one is doubtful about the favorable reaction of the students to education of this type, he has but to watch the response following the showing, or to read the reports written afterward.

JANET MURPHY, 9-CPB.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

ONCE again Christmas comes bringing joy and gladness to all the world. The people of foreign countries celebrate in many different ways, but the spirit is the same the world over. "Merry Christmas" when said in different languages sounds different, but the same sentiment is expressed.

The Briscoe Briefs staff once more wishes its subscribers and advertisers a very Merry Christmas.

—ALICE DALTON, *Editor-in-Chief*.

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A MODERN STAGE COACH

HEAR the clattering hoofbeats of the horses as they near the Second Quarter Toll House with the Briscoe Stage coach, the fastest coach of the Junior High School Lines. You have only ten weeks to earn your seat on the coach. It started on the first lap of its journey to Promotion by heading for the Second Quarter Toll House with fifty-seven passengers—thirty-five girls and twenty-two boys. As these passengers sped along they were confronted with warning signs, such as, *Work Hard, Use Study Periods for Work, No Failures—All A's and B's, Co-operate With Teachers and Fellow Students*. The coach can safely carry many more passengers. Get aboard!

Be on the Honor Roll next quarter! —RICHARD MOULTON, *Asst. Editor*.

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KEEP OUT OF THE ROUGH

A GOLF player always avoids the "rough," a section of the course where the grass is high. He may be winning the game; but if by a too swift stroke, the ball lands in the rough, his hopes are completely shattered. It is hard to hit the ball when it is in the grass, and it therefore lessens one's chances of winning.

There is a rough in our schoolwork and in our every day life. There are the bad habits of not doing assigned homework, not behaving well in class, and not giving full attention to lessons. All these habits should be avoided as the "rough" is in golf.

The golf players are delayed in the game while they are in the rough; pupils are delayed in their lessons when in the rough. So goes the saying, "Keep out of the rough."

—RUTH BOSWELL, 9-CPG.

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ATTENTION BRISCOE STUDENTS

BE it remembered that if thou be a show-off and not a loyal Briscoe student ye must obey the following rules:

Walk not on the right side of the stairs, for being sent back will prolong the time before entering the next room.

Yea, loudly must ye talk in the cafeteria, if ye are to be heard.

Sing not in the music classes, for the others will do it for ye.

Thou shouldst not study earnestly, lest thy brain should snap from real use.

If ye desire notoriety show disrespect to thy teacher and act in disorderly manner for ye will surely catch every laggard's attention.

Wiggle and squirm in the assembly hall if ye wish to annoy a good speaker.

If a substitute teacher is in charge be not worried about thine other teacher knowing of thy conduct.

Let not thine homework bother thee, for a U on your card is just as attractive as an S.

Before adopting this as thine own constitution remember that "As ye sow, so shall ye reap."

—ARNOLD MOULTON, *LC*.

Family Fables



Ruth Boswell

Halloween Fantasy

It's always the same on Halloween—
The night is bright as day;
And what's to be scared of on this night
When witches ride away?

The goblins dance, the witches prance,
Skeletons shake their bones,
Black cats screech at their loudest pitch
As ghosts chant weirdest tunes.

—RUTH BOSWELL, 9-CPG.

Old Ben

IT was not until a weird coldness crept
into my bones that I really felt the
terrible loss of my beloved friend. No
more would I see the cheerful flicker in
his merry dancing eyes or hear that
soothing little snapping in his voice. His
breast would never warm me again for
they were carrying him off to another
home. He wasn't merely a friend to me
but a worth-while companion. I sup-
pose I should have realized when he
first came here that I couldn't keep him.
I shall ever appreciate, however, the fine
service of that old Ben Franklin stove,
and always regret that I couldn't keep up
those monthly payments.

—CLINTON CLARKE, 9-CPF.

Foolish Worry

AS I sat waiting patiently for my
turn in the dramatic club tryout,
I was as cold as an icicle; chills ran up
and down my spine. My fingers grew
numb and I knew that my face was
white with fear.

My name was called and I was told to
recite the poem. I slowly trudged up to
the front of the room, trying to force
a smile onto my worried looking face.
Would I pass? Could I do it? Did I
know it?

I opened my mouth but nothing came
out. What could be the matter? Again
I opened it and forced out a few words,
but alas! they weren't the right ones.
Then, as if by miracle I seemed to re-
member the words and I recited line after
line, until before I knew it, I had fin-
ished. As I quickly regained my seat, a
satisfied smile spread over my face, for I
knew that it wasn't so bad after all.

—EILEEN MAHONEY, 8-BPH.

Greed

Turkey and stuffing my favorite dish!
We had it for dinner today,
With potatoes and squash and every-
thing nice,
Cooked in the old-fashioned way.

I ate and ate to my heart's content,
Until I could hold no more
All too soon 'twas time for bed,
Off I went and closed my door.

I saw pink elephants on the wall
And dreamed of things evil and bad,
Early I woke — at the crack of dawn
Could it be — I had dreamed it all?

Such is the end of a perfect day
And here's my advice to you—
Whenever a tempting plate's displayed,
Don't you yield to temptation, too.

—MIRIAM COOK, 9-CN.

Christmas at Grandfather's

"WHERE'S my new dress?" "Where's my clean shirt?" were typical questions asked of Mandy and Mother during the last of preparations for the trip to Grandfather's. Father had brought out the old red sleigh and loaded it with presents, footstoves, blankets and all.

The sleigh bells tinkled merrily as over hill and dale the party sped. The snow was crisp making travel by sleigh easy. After a few hours the Smiths reached Grandfather's quaint farmhouse.

Happily the children unloaded the sleigh while Grandfather and Grandmother bade their visitors welcome.

"I know you're hungry," said Grandmother, "and dinner is almost ready."

The table fairly groaned under its load of food. There were turkey and vegetables besides puddings and pies. Everyone did justice to the dinner. If anyone didn't have at least three pieces of pie, Grandfather would say that city folks had delicate appetites. After dinner the presents were opened.

Such a happy reunion it was! At evening the menfolks rejoiced over their new pipes. The women and children were happy with their plain, simple presents. Out in the barnyard, old Dobbin neighed and whinnied with glee for he had a whole pail of oats to eat.

Simple, yet impressive, was the Smiths' Christmas celebration.

—ARNOLD MOULTON, 8-LC.

The Christmas Bells

Hear the Christmas bells ring from the steeple!

Proclaiming the joyous season of gladness.
Bringing Christmas to all the people,
Dispelling all gloom, bringing all happiness.

The village lies under a snowy cover
And the snowflakes above the rooftops hover.

The bells ring throughout the snowy street,

And Time seems to halt his weary feet.

—MARY LOUISE MORSE, 8-LC.

Dead Man's Curve

AS I sped through the misty night toward Dead Man's Curve, dim thoughts surged through my mind, and a voice kept saying, "Keep your eyes on the road. Keep away from the edge." In four days six accidents had occurred on the same spot that I was now approaching.

How these deaths had occurred no one knew, except the victims. The minutes taken to pass that curve seemed like years. I was at the curve now, and the accelerator was slowly making its way to the floorboard.

My nerves were tingling with fright, cold sweat froze upon my body. Then I saw it, — a massive black object looming in the distance. Its strong husky arms were outstretched as if to block my way. Against my will my hand wrenched at the steering wheel which sent the car toward the banking. A sickening crash of wooden railing and then — a thud! and I found myself grinning foolishly on the floor beside my bed, thinking of the nightmare I had just experienced.

—GUY ALLERUZZO, 8-BPD.

It Gets In My Hair

"THE funnier, the better!" grownups exclaim.

Just plain "Wow," the boys say.

"Nonsense," Grandma says, but the girls still love it.

No doubt you have seen the countless mad excuses for hats the girls are wearing, but underneath them anything in the way of hair dress is a new style.

With the older women all curled up, the majority of men bald, and the younger male generation swept off with whifflezation, the modern girl must keep in step.

Blonde, red-head, brunette, or snow white—all in one week. The next week we may expect hair up in the air, over the eyes, or hanging down the back.

We could go on indefinitely but it all points to "Fashion is Spinach!"

—D. MCPHERSON, 9-CPF.

My Brother's Room

ALL the rooms in our house are considered to be quite neat, with the exception of one. This is my brother's room.

I shall begin with the bureau, which, except on cleaning day, is a "junk pile." It contains everything from a comb to pieces of the radio. The clothes are heaped to one side to make room for his many hobbies which change frequently; but the articles from them are never thrown away. He does not want his wallpaper changed because he could not draw pictures on it. Although he is not much of an artist, there are more pictures than print on the faded paper.

On a little table in the right hand corner rests his old violin on which once in a great while when he has the urge, he tries to play some cowboy songs which sound worse than they really are.

The door bears a sign which is changed frequently. It now reads, "No girls allowed."

I could write about this room for a week and still have more to write, but I must take pity on the poor boy and not expose the rest of his secrets.

—GRACE BIRMINGHAM, 9-CPG.

Travel to the Old Homestead

Tomorrow will be Christmas Day
So many people come,
To extend their warmest greetings,
From dawn till setting sun.

They traveled to the Homestead,
In the days of yore,
In a rattling old stage coach,
To the very front door.

The family would be waiting,
To greet them with a smile,
For they knew that they had come,
To stay with them a while.

Back to the scenes of childhood,
A-visiting we would go,
To take our Christmas Wish sincere
Through rain, sleet, and snow.

—MIRIAM COOK, 9-CN.

A Completed Pass

THE crowd rose to its feet as Jake swept wide around the right end after shaking off a couple of tacklers. He stopped short, cut back cleverly, and with a sudden burst of speed left another opponent sprawled on the field.

There were three antagonists left in front of him, one being big Sam Brown, the star of the opposing team. Sam charged at Jake like a bull and threw his 190 pounds at him. Jake quickly stepped aside and poor Sam went flat on his face. Jake suddenly stopped, reversed his field and had outwitted another of his adversaries. He again reversed his field and eluded the last tackler.

The band blared as the crowd cheered him onto the twenty and ten yard lines and finally across the goal.

Jake rubbed the sweat off his forehead, set down his water buckets and exclaimed, "Whew, made it again without spilling a drop!"

—BURTON CHANSKY, 9-CPG.

A Race With Time

THE wind howled in the rigging, and the waves hurled themselves upon the *Flying Cloud* with thundering force. Amid the spray, men worked to crowd on sail, and scurried back and forth to secure lifeboats and wind coils of rope. Frothy foam descended from the glistening hull, and the huge masts bent under the great expanse of sail. The captain paced back and forth on the narrow bridge, anxious to get home before Christmas. Men and officers alike shared the anxiety of their superior and worked with a will rarely seen. On struggled that gallant bark, bringing her living cargo ever nearer home. Suddenly, as the haze lifted and land appeared in the distance, a joyous cheer rose from the eager group of men. Tears glistened in eyes unaccustomed to showing joy so freely, and hard faces softened as they gazed silently ahead. Home for Christmas!

—HENRY RYENSKI, 9-CTM.



Away in the Sleigh

Betty Preston

Traveling to the Old Homestead Then

OVER the snow-covered, unpaved road the old buggy fairly jumped along; and the horses galloped with a zest toward our destination—the old homestead!

I certainly felt important sitting up there on the driver's seat with my small feet dangling above the dashboard and my warm, red-mittened hands timidly holding the reins. I certainly wasn't afraid—with my father sitting beside me—and I sat up straight, partly with pride and partly because my small person just tingled from the cold sharp air.

On the red plush seat in back of me were squeezed in tightly my stately, beautiful mother, with my younger, adorable sister, Cherry, on her lap. On Mother's left sat my oldest brother, Lynn, really quite a good-looking chap at that! On her right, sitting sedately, was my twin, Polly, her hands stuffed inside a large fur muff. She was enjoying the ride as much as the rest of us, for her beautiful brown eyes sparkled with happiness and almost ran over. And last but not least was Penny, sitting on Lynn's lap, the grandest and best dog there ever was!

Everything went on smoothly until Cherry declared she was hungry and a great jumble followed as everyone tried to reach the lunch hamper, bumping heads and stepping on each other's feet.

After a delicious-smelling chicken sandwich was secured, peace again reigned over the buggy, but not for long, for unfortunately dear Penny espied a sleek brown rabbit running across the road; and so did the horses. Naturally Penny decided the best thing to do was to follow that rabbit into the snow-covered wood; and that she did. On the way from the buggy, she managed to upset skillfully everything, including Lynn, the hamper, and mother's hat. In the meantime, the horses shied and I went head over heels into the soft snow on the road. Father, it seemed, was the only one not upset at all. We recovered

Penny, mother's hat, Lynn, the hamper and me.

The beautiful scenery then captured our attention for a long interval of time. Polly, a true lover of horse-flesh, squealed with delight when she saw in the field beyond a mare with her wobbly-legged colt. A merry group of boys and girls with rosy cheeks and shining eyes were skating on a large mirror-like pond in groups, couples, and "snake" lines.

The rest of the trip was uneventful save for a slight disturbance caused by Polly's hat feather which tickled Cherry's nose and had to be removed.

At last we made a sharp turn and a shout went up from everyone, for there before us was the old homestead with Great-aunt Jane and Great-uncle Bill standing in the doorway!

Never had I had in my girlhood days such an eventful or pleasant day as that Christmas in 1890!

—PRISCILLA BENJAMIN, 9-CPB.

Time's Portrait

At the end of the path that runs by the
brook,
Nestled in a quiet secluded nook,
In the midst of the fields, rotted and for-
lorn,
Where once my father grew his stately
corn,
Shaded by the great old elms and pines,
Covered with bright pink columbines,
Is the grand old house where I was born.

The faded green shutters are ready to
fall,
Its decayed, grey clapboards, hang loose
on the wall,
The worn shingled roof has sprung many
leaks;
And when the wind blows how the old
house creaks!
But though it is tottering and ready to
fall,
I long to go back to the hardships and
all,
Of the Homstead, the place where I was
born.

—RODMAN RAINVILLE, 8-LC.

"The Noble Pauper"

THE house stood in a garden long since grown over with rank weeds. It was once a noble house, pointed at with pride and gazed upon with silent admiration. Now people looked at it with disgust mingled with pity. The paint was gone, and the windows had been hastily boarded up. The roof sagged as if in deep thought, possibly thinking of those happy days gone by, never to return. The door feebly waved as if beckoning to someone to come and reign o'er it once more. No, no one would ever cross that threshold again to make the musty halls peal with laughter or re-echo with the stamping of tiny feet. Smoke would never again gaily weave its way from the chimney skyward and ascend like a joyous wraith into the air. Age and weather had taken its toll, and now like a skeleton it loomed large and dark against the sky. Memories, only memories dear to former occupants, dwelt in this house of gloom and desolation. Just another deserted homestead! No Christmas visitors in its halls!

—HENRY RYENSKI, 9-CTM.

The Old Homestead

'Tis fine to see the Old Homesteads,
As we travel all around;
Through many different cities,
And through each country town;
Around the tall dark mountains,
Rings the old Church Bell;
Spreading wide the tidings,
God lives and all is well.

—ADDISON DANFORTH, 9-CE.

The Christmas Tree

Ah! how proud and fine it looks,
With all its lights and candy hooks,
And children gathered by its side,
Taking part in all its pride.

A star appears above its head,
And silver tinsel round it's spread;
It is glad to bring such joy,
To every little girl and boy.

—MARION FIELDER, 8-LF.

The Return

THE soft tingle of the ringing bells made music for the two-seater sleigh as it quietly glided along the little winding road covered with white, glistening snow. The chilly air didn't bother the old folks because, in the distance, a little winding trail of smoke, floating gracefully skyward, told them that they were near their destination. The old folks' hearts gladdened at the sight of the dear old homestead in the background. Their memories went back to the days when they had had such good fun in the old home. Christmas had surely always been a happy one at the Old Homestead, and now they had returned after a long vacation in the city.

—ARTHUR NEW, 9-CTM.

Westward, Ho!

The covered wagon with its heavy wheels

Moored its way o'er plain and field;
Through hardships, hunger and bitter cold

They were often met by the Indian foes;
Soon they reached the mountain edge
Where many a wagon had slipped off the ledge;

Many were sick and many died
But some kept on with a steady stride;
Soon they reached their hard earned goal

No need for the call now, "Westward, ho!"

—WILLIAM DAY, 8-SW.

A Tribute to Jesus

Peaceful was the homestead,
A tribute to the day
When Jesus' haloed head
Nestled in a pillow of hay.

When suddenly in the shed,
The horses softly did neigh,
With reverence, the folk of the homestead,
Bent their knees to pray.

—MARY PETRONZIO, 8-LC.

Travels to the Old Homestead In the South

SISS! Bang! Boom! Sky rockets hissing, firecrackers snapping, horns tooting, bells ringing and youngsters shouting with wild delight! That is the way Christmas begins down South. It starts at midnight or even before. To the boys and girls of the South, Christmas is the noisiest and jolliest day of the whole year. As for the darkies, they look upon Christmas as a holiday that was invented for their especial happiness. They take it for granted that all the "White folks" will give them presents. With grinning faces, they are up bright and early asking for gifts from the master and missus. No one thinks of refusing them, and at the end of the day they are richer and happier than at any other time during the whole year. Except for the jingle of sleigh bells and the presence of Jack Frost, a Christmas in the South is in other ways very much like that in the North.

—ADELINE SANTISI, 9-CE.

Homeward Bound

Gliding along so smooth and fast
Over frozen snow that seems like glass
Over hidden fields, I loved to roam
Swiftly sliding, gliding home.
Sharp and brisk, I feel the breeze
And stinging snow from off the trees;
My fingertips are all a tingle,
As I drive, the sleigh bells jingle;
Homeward bound—happy and gay
To my old homestead on Christmas Day!

—WILLIAM McHUGH, 9-CN.

Christmas Welcome

Horse and sleigh ride o'er the white,
Make a handsome Christmas sight.
As the folks cheer and say,
"You are welcome Christmas Day."
Dinner for the old and young,
Then a Christmas Carol sung.
Off to sleep the children go,
Dreaming of to-morrow's snow.

—ALWOOD EDWARDS, 9-CTD.

A Christmas Morning

"JOHN's here," shouted Dick as I alighted from the village one-horse shay on a frosty morning in December. There was a new chicken-coop, but otherwise the home looked the same as it had a year before on that very same day. Being the last to arrive, I was greeted by the rest of the family, young and old, from grandfather to Prince, the farm dog. Setting my bundles on the table, I took a deep whiff of the savory odor coming from the oven where the turkeys were cooking. One thing I noticed was the contrast in the atmosphere between the inside and out. In the old home, the bright faces, the traditional Christmas tree, holly-tied bundles, and decorations presented a warm and cheery picture while outside the atmosphere was cold and bleak.

The hustle of preparing for dinner soon came with the clanging of dishes, and Dick getting underfoot as usual. The menu, which was enough to make anyone's mouth water, included two fat turkeys, with their skins done to a brown crisp, luscious turnips, yellow squash, steaming onions and potatoes. A bowl of shimmering red cranberry sauce was on the shelf waiting to be put on the table. Another pleasing odor came from the pantry where the molasses cookies, the plum pudding filled with rich fruits, and many large brown loaves of bread were ready for the feast. In a wicker basket some pears, rosy apples, juicy grapes and mixed nuts were being arranged artistically.

When I think of those who could not go to see their folks on Christmas, I am thankful for being given this chance to leave the noisy clamor of the city and head for my old home. An added pleasure is giving my family their presents, for isn't Christmas the spirit of giving?

—NATHAN SOUTHWICK, 19-CL.

A Christmas Scene

Through the window panes we see
 Christmas trimmings on the tree.
 Johnny, still dressed in his nightgown,
 Dances around like a circus clown;
 Tom, with ribbons about his neck,
 Opens a bundle and cries, "Oh heck!
 I don't want this shirt at all,
 What I wanted was a new baseball."
 Clothes on one chair, toys on another,
 All the wrappings piled on mother;
 Johnny admires his brand new cart
 While Tom takes his new war tank
 apart!
 But what would all those laddies say
 If there were no such thing as Christmas
 Day?

—DANA McKECHNIE, 9-CPF.

Preparing for Christmas

The family all gathered at home Christ-
 mas Day;
 All helped to prepare for the feast in
 some way;
 Grandma invited a neighbor to stay;
 While sister took charge of the children
 at play.
 'Twas a good old-fashioned Christmas
 day;
 Spent in the good old-fashioned way.

—ROBERT ADAMS, 9-CL.

Pigskin Palpitations

Sitting on the sidelines,
 Looking at the white lines,
 Waiting for the coach's call;
 Lonesome little fellow,
 I never get a hello,
 I never get to see the ball.
 But there'll come a day soon,
 When I'll sing a new tune,
 When I'll be the big hero.
 Then I'll grab that pigskin
 From the stands'll come a din
 Yelling, "Watch that bozo go"
 Skipping o'er the white lines,
 Far away from sidelines,
 Flying with the winning score
 Pictures in the papers,
 Of me cutting capers,
 Listen to that grandstand roar.

—EDWARD CERRO, 9-CTV.

Schoolroom Fun

In walked the teacher with a frown,
 She looked the children up and down
 Some of them smiled, most of them
 groaned,
 Johnny thought of the nickel he loaned,
 While up in the corner Willie sat,
 Making eyes at sweet little Pat.
 "Quiet, children!" the teacher roared,
 And all the kids looked so bored.
 When the lesson had begun
 Mary Smith thought she'd have fun,
 She passed a note to Helen Pool,
 You know what happened after school.
 —VIRGINIA M. COOK, 9-CN.

Christmas Day

Christmas day is here once more,
 Bringing with it fun galore;
 A song we sing so loud and gay
 To welcome in this Christmas day.
 The snow that's falling all around
 Is like a blanket on the ground;
 The Yule-tide log is burning bright
 And covers cheery room with light;
 Around the fire sit young and old,
 And Christmas stories now are told;
 The packages have kept all guessing
 Until it's time to open them,
 This Christmas day has brought its
 blessing
 And next year it will come again.

—ALBERT JOHNSON, 9-CTD.

The Christmas Feast

Early to rise and early to bed,
 A feast was prepared at the old home-
 stead.
 The men who got the boar were praised
 for their nerve,
 And when the head came around, they
 had first serve.
 Then came the meat pies which were a
 delight,
 For those who attended the feasts that
 night.
 Stories of young and yarns of old.
 On that great day were not untold.
 Home at twelve, all folks went,
 With loving hearts full of merriment.

—CARROLL MACDOUGALL, 9-CE.

Selected Scoops

Three Cheers for Cogan

"B-R-I-S-C-O-E!" Those well-known letters of our Junior High rang loud and clear over Hurd Stadium. Facing the crowd stood Cogan straining every vocal cord to bring our team to victory. His face was flushed and his eyes danced back and forth with an earnest twinkling. A brawny fullback, a crafty quarterback, or a shifty halfback could not compare with this little fellow who had a voice that inspired every man on our team. If the team failed, Cogan had failed for in his heart he felt that the cheers were responsible for a good football game. The splendid effort of Cogan and "his girls" has not been in vain as shown by our many victories.

—CLINTON CLARKE, 9-CPF.

My Dream Came True

FOR two years I had longed to see Sonja Henie, queen of the silver skates, at the Boston Garden. She was a person of special interest to me, and many times I wondered if I would ever see her perform. Last winter my Uncle Dick, a resident of Boston, made plans to take his daughter Maureen to see the ice queen's last performance that season, and after hearing of my desire to see her, included me in his plans. As in a dream, Maureen and I waited anxiously for the ice revue to begin on that very special Saturday evening.

At last, amid shouts and applause, the little Norwegian miss skated to the center of the rink with bewitching smiles playing over her dimpled face. Then with her flashy silver skates she glided over the ice in a most spectacular and thrilling manner. To the pleasure of everyone, Miss Henie did two encores, one of which was the tricky routine of the *Doll Dance*. After which she bowed in her

simple Norwegian fashion and skated away.

For a moment there was a silence. Then the air rang with thunderous applause.

After the revue was over, Maureen and I were permitted to interview the skating star for five minutes. Her dressing room was a maze of brilliantly-colored flowers, sent to her by her many Boston admirers, and to me, she seemed to resemble them, so sweet and gracious was her manner.

We left with an autographed picture of Norway's sweetheart and also one of the entire cast in the ice revue. My wish had come true, and I left the Garden in absolute happiness.

—DORA HARDING, 9-CE.

Neptune's Product

THE discovery of a human fish at Lyons Park this past summer became the talk of the town. This extraordinary fish had been daily slipping through the water with amazing speed and grace. Although an unknown species, it was said to have a slight blondish tint.

From careful study and observation it was noticed that the fish had a fine motor, running in smooth, rhythmic time. In swimming over long distances, the fish never failed to keep a steady pull.

On one particular day there was great excitement in the air. This particular species had swam easily and steadily about, when suddenly, to the amazement of the spectators, it emerged from the water, cast aside its role of a fish, and stepped onto the beach in the form of an ash-blond girl with blue eyes and freckles.

Briscoe's own Sallie Crowell had stepped forth to claim the cup for the Lyons Park Swimming Team.

—JUDITH ALLEY, CPF.

Journal Jottings

- September 7—A new school year started with many new pupils and our new principal, Mr. Leslie R. Jones.
- September 8—Many changes this year—Club Day is now on Monday.
- September 9—A cordial welcome extended to all at our first assembly.
- September 12—Must an eighth grader always go to the wrong room?
- September 13—Do the teachers walk to school now? If not where are the cars that are usually parked out front?
- September 14—Rumors of a football team! Also helping periods assigned.
- September 15—More changes in the program. Do you know what's on your program card?
- September 20—Where are our homeroom assemblies?
- September 21—It's not woodpeckers at Briscoe—Mr. Wescott is merely giving drum lessons.
- September 22—The first fire drill of the year. What a scramble!
- September 23—Club Assembly. Have you decided what club you should join?
- September 26—Election of homeroom officers.
- September 27—Assembly—Eye and Ear testing—at least it was going to be done.
- September 28—Everyone busy signing up for clubs. Have you chosen yours yet?
- September 29—Try to find a clear day for eye and ear testing. Assembly today, seven period day.
- September 30—End of September—anyone going to sign up for cheerleader?
- October 3—Briscoe started her football season well—Marblehead 10, Briscoe 13.
- October 4—Flash! Briscoe Briefs to be a project of the English Classes.
- October 5—Personal—Briscoe Briefs Staff: Any rainy day we may have a fire permit. Want a Weenie Roast?
- October 6—Movies today—Don't you think it's nice not to have to pay 30c to see the movies? Thanks, Mr. Jones!
- October 7—Movies again! They are getting to be an every day occurrence. Don't take that wrong; we like them.
- October 10—Warning cards today—Mr. Jones however, gave us a movie to cheer us up. We appreciate it.
- October 11—Are you reading *Briscoe Brevities*?
- October 12—Weather Forecasting Movie. This was one of the most interesting movies of the year.
- October 13—Did your parents come up to see about your warning card?
- October 14—Fire Prevention and Football Assembly.
- October 17—Assembly—Football Contest—Room 23 and 27 tie.
- October 18—No one staying—faculty meeting. Why aren't there more of them?
- October 19—Briscoe Briefs Staff selected—Puritan Movies.
- October 20—How about the students keeping away from Doble's?
- October 21—Today we received new library books from the Beverly Public Library.

Doorway Dissertations



Beverly Hepworth

Welcome!

"**M**AY every day of the year that is to come bring to all of us the goodness of companionship, the joy of hard work and the happiness that comes from success in it." With these words, Elaine Charlton, President of the Advisory Council, opened the first assembly of the school year on September 7, 1938.

The purpose of the program was to welcome the pupils entering Briscoe for the first time as well as those returning for another year.

Mr. Leslie R. Jones, new principal of Briscoe Junior High School, then offered the friendship and co-operation of the faculty.

The program follows: Opening Exercise, Elaine Charlton; Morning Prayer, Clinton Clarke; Paying Honor to the Flag, Charles Cutler; Welcome to New Students, Janet Murphy; Response from New Students, Nancy Dimond; What It Means to be a Real Briscoe Student, Sally Adkins; School Song, "Here's to dear old Briscoe," Student body.

The program was under the direction of Miss Helen Anderson.

Inauguration Assembly

ON October 16, the "Spirit of Briscoe" aided by her Spirits, Honor, Loyalty, Service, and Fair Play, pointed the way to the student body for a rich and happy life at Briscoe.

"The Spirit of Briscoe," portrayed by June Story welcomed Grade Nine and explained to Grade Eight that the "spirits" are ever present at Briscoe and willing to help him on his way.

At this point the newly elected advisory council was given the oath of office by Mr. Leslie R. Jones, the principal of Briscoe.

The students who participated in the program were *Honor*, Jean Shea; *Honor Spirits*, Barbara Oliver, Mary Goldsmith, and Winifred Eldridge; *Fair Play*, Georgia Dyer; *Fair Play Spirits*, Grace Birmingham, Barbara Sandberg, and Anna Berry; *Service*, Phyllis Edgerly; Grade Eight, Richard Moulton; Grade Nine, Clinton Clarke; The Briscoe Alphabet, Robert Anderson, Francis Ganey, Willard Dame, Arthur Bell, Calvin Daniels, George Thibodeau and Robert Adams.

The members of the advisory council are Janet Murphy, Sally Atkins, Charles Cutler, Clinton Clarke, John Corning, Nathan Southwick, Daniel McPherson and John Williams chosen by the faculty last June. Robert Bossie, Arthur Bell, Nancy Dimond, Joseph Callahan, Clifford Eckman, Fred Haskell, Ruth Woodberry, Richard Mellow, Charles Hart, Carl Jank, Emory Perry, Paul Mercaldi, Louise Martin, Charles Sharp, James Roumas, and John Trowt were elected by the students in the homerooms as homeroom presidents.

The program was written and directed by Miss Helen Anderson,

—JOSEPH CONNOLLY, 9-CE.



Awaiting the Guests

Madeline Julius

Join Now!

THROUGH the extra-curricular program at Briscoe, students learn to use their leisure time to advantage. The many clubs offer several opportunities to the student, through which he may discover an interest that will last throughout his entire life. Good scholarship and citizenship, in addition to interest and co-operation, are essential requirements for membership.

At an assembly presented on September 23, the work of the various clubs was explained, and the students urged to join immediately.

Elaine Charlton, president of the advisory council, announced the following program: Advantages of Joining a Club, Gloria Fuller; Art Club, Maybelle Warren; Briscoe Briefs, Alice Dalton; Dramatic Club, Philip Morris; Glee Club, Stephen Fortunato; Home Economics Club, Georgia Dyer; Latin Club, Priscilla Benjamin; Science Club, Donald Vose; Stagecraft Club, Evans Waldron; Stamp Club, Robert Lamont; Junior Red Cross, Doris Sabine; Briscoe School Band, Gardner Larrabee; Current Events Club, John Winther; Athletics, John Corning; Woodcraft Club, Richard Bradstreet; Debating Club, John Ryan, Eugene Stowe, and Calvin Daniels. A musical selection, "Amaryllis," was played by the orchestra, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Mullin. Other highlights of the program were, a vocal song, "America for Me," by three music classes, and a cornet solo, "My Lady Sleeps," by John Bunker, accompanied by George Thibodeau at the piano.

The assembly was under the direction of Miss Helen M. Anderson.

"An Ounce of Prevention"

MAKE every day Fire Prevention Day and we'll all be happy," advised Captain Fred Dooling of Central Fire Station in an address to the students at an assembly on October 14. He fur-

ther urged the pupils to supervise the planning of the speediest exit from all rooms of their homes.

Elaine Charlton, president of the advisory council presided.

The Governor's proclamation was read by Mary Goldsmith.

After proper observance of Fire Prevention Week a football rally was held. Coach Foley, David Werme, Morris Cogan and "his girls" contributed.

The orchestra under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Mullin played a selection entitled, "The Triumphant March," from Aida.

Armistice Day Assembly

OUR country must always be prepared to defend our rights, if necessary," said Colonel Frederick W. Stopford, retired U. S. A., at an assembly program in the Briscoe Junior High School in observance of Armistice Day. His vivid account of his war-time experiences at the front held the audience spellbound.

Students participating were: Opening Exercises, Janet Murphy; Flag Salute, Richard Merrow; Song, "Star Spangled Banner," Student Body; Armistice Day Proclamation, Carl Jank; Poem, "Universal Peace," Louise Martin; Sketch, "Unknown," Charles Hart, Charles Sharp, Clifford Eckmann, and Arthur Bell; Song, Div. 8-LF, BPD, and BPH; Two selections, Band; Guest Speaker, Colonel Frederick W. Stopford.

Parents' Visitation Night

A WARM and sincere welcome was given to the two hundred eighty-five parents who visited Briscoe on Wednesday, November 16.

In order that a better understanding of the individual pupil might be reached, a conference period was held between seven and nine o'clock, after which the parents were invited to the hall for an entertainment. The program follows:

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM, 9 P.M.

Greetings to Parents.....Mr. Jones
Governor's Proclamation

Mary Goldsmith

Briscoe Junior High School Orchestra

Vocal Presentation.....Glee Club

(a) Country Gardens

English Folk Dance

(b) Cossack Lullaby

Russian Folk Tune

(c) Prayer of Thanksgiving Kremser
Play.....Dramatic Club

"PEARLS AND GOLD"

by Mary Thurman Pyle

Scene: A deserted cottage near the beach.

Time: About noon on an August day.

Cast of characters:

Eddie Maxwell.....Francis Ganey

"Monk" Williamson.....Leo Tracey

Betty Anne Maxwell.....Julianne Hall

Frank Maxwell.....Willard Dame

Louise Fulton.....Frances Patten

Old Man Hicks.....Leon Menkes

Mrs. Maxwell.....Grace Smith

Prompter, Margaret Agnoletti

Property man, Theodore Mellor

Costumes, Theresa Breton

Make-up, Marion Fielder

Scenery, lights, curtain—Boys of

Stagecraft Club

Motion Picture.....Short demonstration
of new talking picture equipment

Briscoe Junior High School Band

This program was repeated on Wednesday, November 23, for the student body.

October 27—Flash! Room 15 leading in football contest.

October 28—Sound Motion pictures.

October 31—Is the Band afraid of rain? They did not play at our game today?

November 1—Hallowe'en Party for the Briscoe Briefs Staff.

November 2—More Movies.

November 3—Mr. Wescott will give drum lessons.

November 4—Briscoe's first "out of town" game at Gloucester.

November 7—New Banking System—Football Rally.

November 8—Why doesn't the student body use its lungs at the football games as well as in the assembly hall?

November 10—Hooray! Holiday tomorrow!

November 15—Report cards !! How many A's did you get?

November 16—Parents' Night. Is it true what *they'll* say about *you*?

November 23—School will be over at 12 o'clock noon today.

November 30—Say "Goodbye" to November.

December 2—Everyone is bustling around preparing the Christmas assembly.

December 7—Science moving pictures today.

December 12—Have you seen Mr. Duttelle's wings? I hear he is shellacing them for safe keeping.

December 15—Time for Press—Goodbye—A Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all!

—HELEN CLEVELAND,
News Editor.

Journal Jottings

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October 24—Mystery—Will the Briscoe Briefs Staff have a Weenie Roast or a Hallowe'en Party?

October 25—Do you belong to Red Cross? Another faculty meeting.

October 26—No detention in Art Room.

Domestic Dispatches



Barbara Snell

Latin - Miss Larcom

Io Saturnalia!

TO the ninth grade Latin classes Christmas week brought a pleasant change from the mysteries of Ablative Case and Passive Voice! Instead, we learned how "Io Saturnalia" meant "Merry Christmas" to the Romans. We read the Latin version of the New Testament story, and it was fun to meet good old Santa in a Latin sentence. Some of the boys and girls designed Latin Christmas cards, and we all learned to sing carols such as "Adeste Fideles" and "Silens Nox."

Especially interesting was the account of the Saturnalia, a harvest festival in honor of the god, Saturn, who the Romans believed had introduced agriculture in Italy. Because December marked the end of the harvesting and vintage, the farmers were ready for a period of relaxation and merry-making — hence the Saturnalia. The length of time was originally one day, and at one time was lengthened to seven days. One day was usually set aside for religious purposes, when sacrifices were made in the temple of Saturn. Slaves were considered free and business was suspended. Wax tapers were kept burning in temples and dwell-

ings. Gifts and greetings were exchanged; while little clay images, sold at the street corners, were especially popular with the children.

Although the reasons for the celebration of our Christmas and the Roman Saturnalia differed, yet we could recognize many of our modern Christmas customs as having their origin in this ancient festival which occurred at the same time of the year.

—MARJORIE HUTTER, 9-CPR.

History - Miss Marion Barker

A very interesting part of our week's program is our Current Events discussion in History. The Current Events, a weekly paper, contains articles which would interest pupils of Junior High School age. The front usually has an item which pertains to our national government. Some that we have discussed in class are "Wage and Hour Law," "A Peek at America's Pocket-book" and "High Court Begins New Session." Other stories which appear deal with international affairs. During the recent European crisis we had a weekly summary of the goings-on in Europe. Since the author has been cycling in Europe this summer, we are fortunate in having descriptive stories related to us of the life and surroundings of the Europeans. Another fascinating feature is the personality of the week, namely a person who has been making the headlines or whose picture is seen in the paper quite frequently. Some of the most well-known ones are: Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, Toscanini, a great symphony conductor, and Mrs. Ross, the head of the United States Mint. We all certainly find this class very helpful in our everyday happenings.

—JANET MURPHY, 9-CPB.

History - Miss Hazelton

HISTORY! To some that might have a dry sound, but not to Miss Hazelton's pupils, for along with our regular work we are making very interesting maps which explain better than words, how our country has grown between 1789 and 1938. The first thing which we put on these outline maps was the thirteen original colonies and the land which they claimed. We wrote on the names of the states later made out of this land. Next we added the Louisiana Purchase and the states later made from it. Next we placed Florida, Texas and California on our maps.

Before we place each section on the map we study its relief, its square mileage, the price paid for it, and in case of war, we study the important battles. By the end of the year we will have traced the growth of our country from 1789 to this day.

—PATRICIA SIM, 8-LC.

Typewriting - Mrs. Parks

ON Wednesdays and Fridays, Mrs. Parks gives us new keys to learn through practice. Then on Tuesdays she gives us a test on all the keys that we know. Geraldine L'Heureux, Marie Rossi, Clifford Eckmann, and Caroline Serra from our division received one hundred per cent on these tests so they had their papers put up on the bulletin board. Our class is trying to be quiet and businesslike as an office would be.

—CLIFFORD ECKMANN, 9-CE.

Cooking - Miss Ackerman

OUR cooking class instructed by Miss Ackerman is doing something different on Mondays during the third and fourth periods. The class is divided into three groups and on each consecutive week, one group prepares a breakfast, eats it, and then clears up. One girl in

the group is father, one mother, daughter, or waitress. The waitress sets the table and puts on the food. Each one in the group helps in the preparation of the food.

If this turns out all right, Miss Ackerman will know that she has impressed upon us, in her teachings, the art of cooking and serving breakfast.

—JACQUELINE SANBORN, 8-BPG.

English - Miss Coleman

THE Civic Training boys in division 9-CTD are going to have books from the Public Library transferred to our school library. Mr. Jones has had a bookcase arranged in the library.

From these we are going to choose different books as soon as Miss Coleman approves the books. The class is going to make reports on the books and receive extra credit in English. This will all take place as soon as the class finishes "The Call of the Wild."

EVERETT ROMANI, 9-CTD.

Civics - Miss Hazelton

THE boys of 9-CTM are organizing a Civics Club. Five boys had charge of the registering. Each one of the pupils had to tell how long he lived in Massachusetts, and Beverly. He then took an oath promising not to cheat, and read a small part of the Constitution. All the names registered, were put into a book. Every boy whose name was in the book had a right to vote, and voice his opinion. The voting was dramatized by some boys, to show how in real voting it is carried out in the City Hall. Ballots were marked in absolute privacy, and cast in the same manner. Members of the class were chosen as officers whose duty was to see that no cheating was carried on.

—HENRY RYENSKI, 9-CTM.

English - Miss Rolfe**Science - Mr. Foley**

OUR English Class, 8-LF, is organizing a club which is to be known as the "Live Wire English Club."

The purpose of this club is to develop ability to speak easily, correctly, pleasingly, and clearly before an audience. It will also give us enough working knowledge of parliamentary law to conduct club business.

Ruth Woodbury has been elected president; Clifton Story, vice president; Margaret Agnoletti as secretary. Each person will hold office for four weeks, thus more pupils will have the opportunity of holding office.

A committee has been appointed to arrange interesting programs to which we are looking forward.

—ARMAND GUARINO, 8-LF.

Business Practice - Miss Shatswell

IN Business Practice each pupil of 8-BPH has a number. On Monday mornings Miss Shatswell calls seven different numbers. These pupils act as, Private Secretary, Stock Clerk, Attendance Clerk, Telephone Operator, File Clerk, Messenger, Janitor. It is the duty of the Private Secretary to assist the Manager, Miss Shatswell. The Stock Clerk must take care of all supplies. The Attendance Clerk sees that attendance charts and office slips are properly filled out. Telephone Operator's work speaks for itself. The File Clerk's responsibility is to keep the file complete and in order. The Messenger runs all errands while the Janitor sees that the room is left in order. Each student holds a position for one week. In the course of a year each one will have had a chance in all situations.

—DOROTHY VARNEY, 8-BPH.

MUCH more is obtained from what we see than by what we read. Mr. Foley's science classes have a chance to prove this true for we now occasionally have an opportunity to see moving pictures covering the work which we have studied in class. These moving pictures make our science course much more interesting and comprehensive. The pictures which we have already seen or will see in the near future are "Cotton Manufacture" dramatizing in an interesting way the story of the cotton from seed to cloth, "Behind the Machine Age," "The Romance of Rayon," "Monel Metal," "Nickel Cement, from Mountain to Sack," "Concrete, Construction that Endures," and "The Story of Steel, Basic Process of Transportation."

The addition of moving pictures to our school curriculum naturally enables the students to grasp the work more thoroughly. Mr. Rhuland of the Science Department has worked untiringly to obtain these pictures for us.

—LOUISE MARTIN, 9-CPF.

Typewriting - Mrs. Parks

CLICK! Click! sounds the steady tapping of keys from the typewriting room where every Tuesday our weekly tests are given. These tests consist of each letter in the slants we have been taught. Each week we learn a certain portion of the keyboard.

In this class, habits of courtesy, punctuality, and orderliness are practiced. The pupils are taught to be trustworthy, too. Typewriting is a very interesting subject which will be very useful to us later on in the business world.

—LEVIA MASSARELLA, 9-CA.



Home with the Tree

Robert Kenny

Clothing - Miss Pullen

THERE was quite a bit of excitement among the girls of Grade Eight when we went to our first clothing class this fall. It was the first time we ever had had sewing in school. When our mothers went to school they had sewing in the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades with a choice of taking it in the eighth. Now we do not have it until the eighth grade.

We started with very simple projects for we must get a foundation for our future sewing. We have made samplers showing the different stitches, hems, and seams.

Now we are making bundle handkerchiefs to keep our work in, also to give us practice in machine stitching.

The girls who have these finished are starting some patch work holders with a nine patch pattern. This gives us a lesson in measuring, so the squares will be exactly the same size. It also helps us to distinguish the lengthwise from the crosswise threads, for the squares will not be easily laundered if the grain does not lie in one direction. It helps us to become skilled in stitching straight without basting. We plan to use these as Christmas gifts. Later we will make some pretty aprons.

It is interesting to learn to make so many different things. We girls of the eighth grade enjoy sewing very much.

—RITA PROULX, 8-BPD.

Science - Mr. Rhuland

IN our ninth grade science class we saw an interesting demonstration of steam heating. Mr. Rhuland constructed a model of a steam heating plant. It consisted of a metal water container which represented the steam boiler and also had two holes at the side to fit in the glass tubings which represented the pipes. These tubes conducted the steam to two inverted glass flasks which represented

the radiators. The steam gathered in the boiler and was conducted to the radiators by way of the glass tubes and the steam got cooled and condensed back to the boiler to be heated into steam again. This demonstration proved very interesting and a lively discussion of the principles of steam heating followed which helped the pupils to understand how houses are heated by steam.

—JOHN LUCIANI, 9-CPG.

Civics - Miss Marion Barker

HAVE you heard of the B. C. C. C. or the "Briscoe Commercial Civic Club?" The ninth grade Civic class has formed this organization.

Each pupil in the class made a constitution, and from these, a class committee drew up a constitution for our club.

The purpose of the B. C. C. C. is to teach us to become better and more worthy citizens, and to have us learn more about our country's laws and departments.

The constitution states that the officers must have an A or B, do all homework, respond in class, and be dependable and capable. The officers chosen were: Chairman, Bryce Glover; vice chairman, Alice Dalton; secretary, Kathleen McGovern. Those officers will take charge of the club at times during the year.

Through this club we all hope to become better citizens of Briscoe and of our community, Beverly.

—EVA BRUNDAGE, 9-CL.

Civics - Miss Hazelton

IN our Civics Class we dramatized registration. We prepared a list of voters for the ninth grade Civics club in class. First one pupil at a time went to Doris Killam to take the following oath,

"Do you solemnly swear that you are a member of the ninth grade Briscoe School and that all statements made by you are true?"

Everett Ploss asked questions as to our residence in Beverly for six months, in Massachusetts for two years, and our birthplace. Eleanor Lamont had the pupils read parts of the Constitution to test our ability to read. Albert Maxner took names, addresses and home rooms and tested our ability to write. James Mahoney officiated as policeman and kept the members moving quietly and rapidly through the registration.

—HELEN BARTON, 9-CS.

Science - Mr. Foley

ONE of our most interesting experiments in science was on heat and its regulation. We first learned how the kerosene stove operates. The main parts of the cook stove are, the feedpipe, feed reservoir, burner, wick, and chimney. The reservoir is usually made of glass so that the oil level may always be seen. The kerosene flows by gravity through the feed pipe and supplies the burners. The burner holds the wick in place and is hollow in the center so that air may enter. The chimney is placed over the burner and above the chimney is the grate. The kerosene in the feed pipe is absorbed by the wick through which it passes and rises by capillary action. The flame spreader is lifted up and lights the wick. The chimney prevents heat from escaping at the sides. The difference between the hot air inside the chimney and the cold air outside makes the convection current. The hot air is forced out through the chimney.

In the kerosene stove the amount of heat produced is regulated by the amount of fuel supplied. The amount of oil which vaporizes depends upon the amount of wick exposed. Then it is possible to regulate the amount of heat produced by lowering or raising the amount of oil supplied.

—VIRGINIA COOK, 9-CN.

Science - Miss Fleet

THE barometer that Otto von Guericke made was a huge glass tube containing water and a dummy to tell the water level. This huge glass tube went straight up through the middle of his house. The people in the vicinity soon found out that by watching the man in the water they could tell the on-coming weather. Otto von Guericke made the first water barometer which usually measured thirty feet at sea level. Torricelli made the first mercury barometer which usually measured 30° at sea level. The barometers of today are aneroid barometers and have dials about 3" round instead of long tubes and yardsticks.

—JOSEPH FRIEND, 8-SW.

Art - Miss Kendall

ONE of the first projects we had was drawing modern letters. Many headlines from our fathers' newspapers have been cut up and brought in as samples of modern letters.

We "artists" of BPT have also been testing our skill at drawing curved lines. To push our progress ahead we have been collecting pictures with as many curved lines as possible. Pictures of chairs have been the most popular example among us.

Our latest project has been drawing fascinating designs of flowers. Our folders have been putting on weight lately because catalogues and many pictures of flowers were brought in as models.

A short time ago we had a movie shown us illustrating the process of etching which is a form of engraving.

By the end of next quarter we hope to have a scrapbook with all the pictures that we have collected well started.

—GWENDOLYN HARLIN, 8-BPT.

Geography - Miss Sybil Barker

IN Division 8-LS we are studying the Chinese Republic which is about the size of the United States. It was once divided into five parts; Manchuria, now Manchukuo, under control of Japan, Mongolia, Sinkiang, Tibet, and China Proper, or the real China.

This is a land of valuable resources for cotton, bamboo, minerals, especially coal, raw silk, and tea.

There is an abundance of cheap labor who could be made to want and to buy the manufactured goods.

For these reasons, Japan has decided to force China to produce these raw materials and control their flow directly to Japan.

This has everyone wondering what will happen next because it interferes with the treaty between China and nine countries of the world known as the Open Door Policy.

—EILEEN IRVING, LS.

English - Miss Harrison

THE class of 9-CL has been working on the Briscoe Brevities column which is printed in The Beverly Evening Times, the local newspaper. The material is passed to Miss Harrison and Mr. Jones from the club and home room reporters and also special writeups of assemblies. The editors take the notes to correct mistakes and to rewrite them so that they are readable. These copies are handed back to Miss Harrison and Mr. Jones for their approval and then are sent to the news office to be published. The column is scheduled to appear in the paper every Friday. If there is not enough room, it is held over for the Saturday or Monday edition. The heading has the column name, *Briscoe Brevities* and the school seal.

—EVA BRUNDAGE, 9-CL.

Auto Mechanics - Mr Waite

THE boys of 9-CTV have been studying the mechanism of automobiles. Each boy had a different kind of job to do. Some worked on Buicks, others on Willys Knights, and transmissions.

First, all the parts were taken off and then studied from the book. It was easy to take them apart, but rather difficult to put back if you didn't study the book.

Pictures of the different parts were drawn in order to understand the different kinds of shifts. It was also necessary to know all the different tools that were used.

After the motor job was finished, more knowledge was gained from the books.

—SAM SPIRIDIGLIOZZI, 9-CTV.

English - Miss Bunk

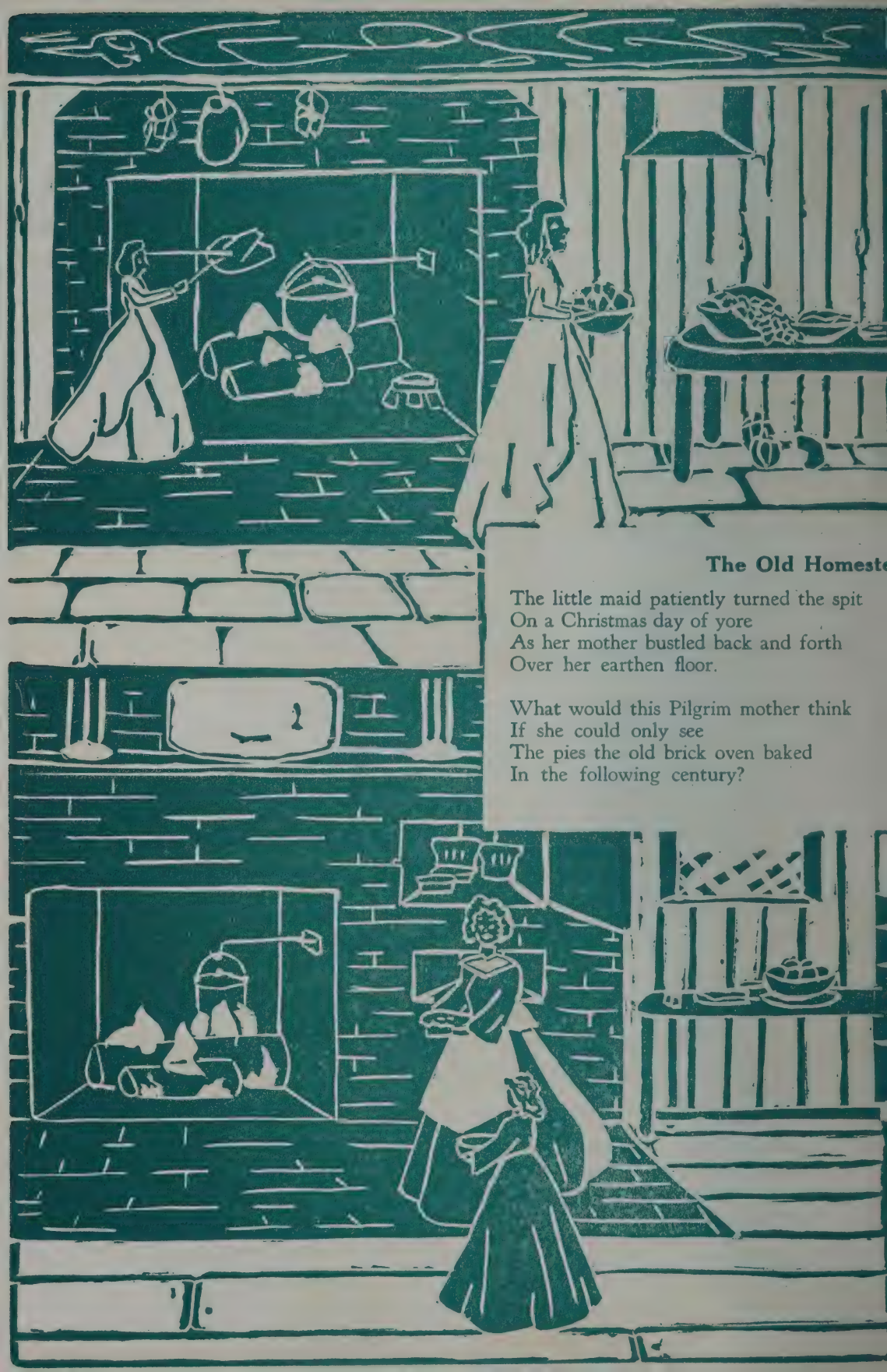
WE have just started to work on our oral compositions. We are going to base our topics on the various occupations of the United States. Each pupil selects a vocation in which he is interested. In his talk he points out the education and qualities of character necessary to be successful in his chosen vocation. Then he shows the number of people engaged in this occupation and their average earnings and the chances of getting a job. We hope to show how many occupations there are to choose from and perhaps help someone who is undecided to choose his life's work.

—THOMAS SURLS, 9-CPK.

Dot

I owned a dog whose name was Dot,
And by my side she liked to trot,
A dark brown coat my pup had got,
And on her tail a small white spot.
Her end had come by being shot,
And oh, I cried an awful lot!

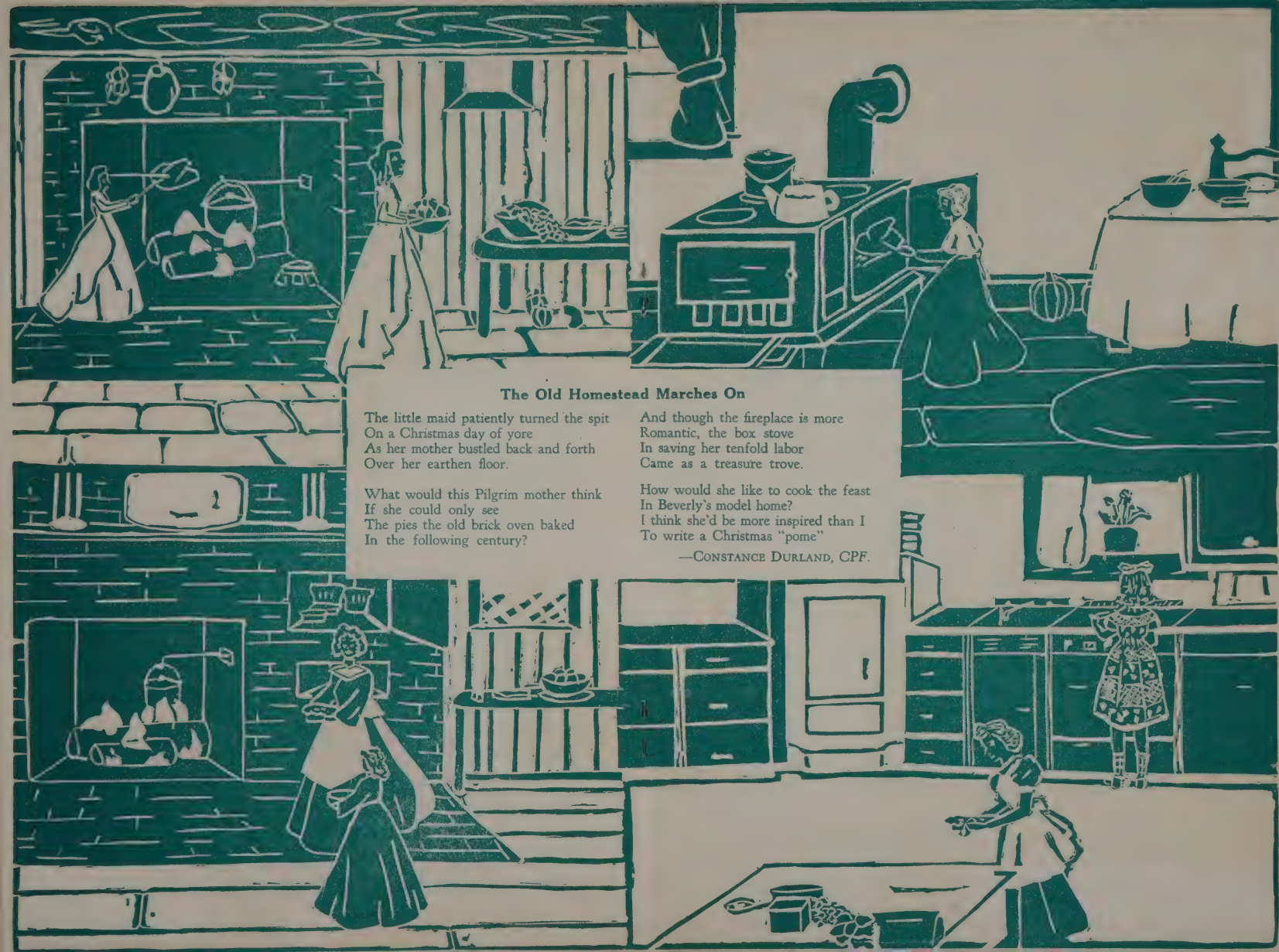
—ROBERT TATE, CTW.



The Old Homestead

The little maid patiently turned the spit
On a Christmas day of yore
As her mother bustled back and forth
Over her earthen floor.

What would this Pilgrim mother think
If she could only see
The pies the old brick oven baked
In the following century?



The Old Homestead Marches On

The little maid patiently turned the spit
On a Christmas day of yore
As her mother bustled back and forth
Over her earthen floor.

What would this Pilgrim mother think
If she could only see
The pies the old brick oven baked
In the following century?

And though the fireplace is more
Romantic, the box stove
In saving her tenfold labor
Came as a treasure trove.

How would she like to cook the feast
In Beverly's model home?
I think she'd be more inspired than I
To write a Christmas "pome"

—CONSTANCE DURLAND, CPF.

Highlights from the Hearth

High Lights from the Hearth

The fireside was the scene of many happy gatherings in the old homestead. Conversation on Christmas Eve drifted to schoolmates of by-gone days.

And so today as many gather in their modern homes, memories of old friends return, and possibly old friendships are renewed during the holiday season. The following information may start the memories merrily on their way.

Grant Haskell, a senior at Tufts College was awarded third prize in Greenwood Prize Reading contest at the annual award of academic honors.

Haskell graduated from Beverly High School in 1934 where he was an honor student. After taking a post graduate course he matriculated at Tufts College where he is studying theology.

William Murphy, plays the position of guard on the University of Vermont football team.

Murphy played end on the 1935 Beverly High school football team.

Barbara Bowman, has enrolled in the stenographic course at the Bryant and Stratton Business School in Boston.

Jeanne MacKenzie, is a resident student at the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in Boston.

Eleanor Haslegrave, has recently been elected treasurer of the Freshman class at Nasson College in Springvale, Maine.

Melvin Buckner, is employed as a clerk in the Beverly Trust Company Bank.

Myrtle Raymond, attended the Massachusetts State College last year at Amherst. This year she is enrolled at Boston University. She plans to be a medical secretary.

Barbara Tannebring and *June Jorgenson* are now attending Stoneleigh College.

Ruth Ormsby is an outstanding student at Gordon College.

Robert Dawson and *Wilbur Davis* are at Bentley's School of Finance.

Constance Whitaker is training to be a nurse at the Salem Hospital.

Anna Fitzgerald graduated from Teachers' College last year.

Robert Brown former Beverly High football player, now a student at Amherst College, played tackle on the freshman team this season.

Lurana Waldron is a sophomore at Salem Teachers' College.

Nancy Stickney is a student at Bradford Junior College in Bradford, Massachusetts.

Arlene Waite, a senior at Worcester State Teachers' College, has been elected to membership in Kappa Delta Pi.

Donald Hurd is a student at the Harvard Dental School.

David Woodbury is at Phillips Exeter Academy.

Stephen Woodbury is studying at the University of Maine.

Help, Teacher, Please!

Dear Editor,

Three feet of snow fell last night. Please tell me how I can get the walk cleared without much worry.

Yours truly,
Ambitious Student

Dear Ambitious Student,

Hire two first-class jitterbugs and a hot jazz band. Just watch that snow fly when they get in the groove.

Yours truly,
The Editor

Dear Editor,

Could you tell me how homework can be made easier.

Yours truly,
"E" Student

Dear "E" Student,

Take a candid picture of your big brother in some tense moment. Hide the negative and show him one development. He will gladly do your homework if you get a picture like I did.

Yours truly,
The Editor

From Fertile Fields



Talmadge Gallagher

Current Events Club

ALTHOUGH the Current Events Club was recently formed, it is swiftly gaining in popularity with the students. About twenty-eight have joined the club, which is of great educational value. The members will learn what is happening in the world, and will discuss these events with one another. Miss Una L. Hazelton is the adviser.

The officers are as follows: President, Virginia LaPointe; vice president, Bryce Glover; secretary, Gordon Plummer; and treasurer, Ruth Reeves.

The club has been divided into five committees; International, with Warren Lamont as chairman; National, John Richardson, chairman; Local, Robert Lindberg, chairman; Science, Bryce Glover, chairman; and Art, with Stuart Pierce as chairman.

On Nov. 21, the International Committee had Mr. Jones as a guest speaker, who spoke to the group on "Sore Spots of the World."

Miss Bessie L. Pierson, who spent the past summer in the West, will be the guest speaker on the program arranged by the National Committee. Her subject will be "Boulder Dam."

Athletic Club

THE newly formed Athletic Club was organized for the benefit of the boys who are not interested in other clubs, but like all kinds of sports. Coach Foley and Coach Richardson are the leaders. The purpose of the club is to discuss new and old rules, and to learn the correct way to play football, baseball, basketball, and hockey. The boys bring to the meetings, articles which they believe both interesting and informative, and a period of discussion follows.

Band and Orchestra

THE underlying principles and purpose of the band and orchestra are set forth by Mr. Claude H. Phillips, director, as follows: "Music offers to any boy or girl an excellent opportunity for self-discipline, but the best of teaching and supervision is of little value without the discipline of home effort on the part of the pupil."

Home study is purely a matter of habit. We all know how steady a habit may become and how it will develop as time moves on.

Every child, at some time, will through some force, desire to keep in place with his fellow students. This is more quickly brought to the surface through the fascination of a music unit.

All cardinal principles of education are involved during the study of an instrument. These are not taken singly, but rather a coordination of all principles. This develops quick thinking and is sure to react upon the pupil in all other studies during the early period of his training.

"Should a pupil fail musically, he will benefit mentally from having had this particular form of training."

In the orchestra there are 30 instruments namely: 1 piano, 15 violins, 1



Preparing the Dinner

Janet Martin

'cello, 1 flute, 3 clarinets, 2 saxophones, 3 cornets, 2 trombones and 2 drums.

In the band there are 36 instruments namely: 10 cornets, 3 trombones, 10 clarinets, 2 saxophones, 2 bass horns, 1 baritone horn, 1 bass drum, 1 pair of cymbals, 6 drums, and one drum major.

Art Club

THE Art Club, under the direction of Miss Eleanor Kendall, offers a variety of work to its members. Besides the designing and cutting of linoleum block designs for our school magazine, many are engaged in studying pen and pencil technique, portrait painting, soap sculpturing, and costume designing.

Weaving, leather craft, and the carving and filing of jewelry interests some of the members.

Debating Club

THE Debating Club meets in Room 22 every other week under the supervision of Miss Sybil Barker and Miss Mary Shatswell. It hopes to challenge other junior high schools in the state. Each member pays dues of three cents at each meeting.

Officers of the club are: President, Morris Cogan; vice president, Janet Murphy; treasurer, Olive Mitchell; secretary, Daniel McPherson.

Advisory Council

THE advisory council under the direction of Miss Helen Anderson was organized on Oct. 16, 1938.

The chief purposes of the organization are: (a) To help in the administration of the school by making recommendations to the principal and faculty for bettering conditions about us. (b) To be an example to the pupils of good citizenship. (c) To help the teachers and principal to make Briscoe the best school possible, by supporting the school and its activities at all times and to inspire the same loyalty in their classmates.

The advisory council has organized the Traffic Squad and is responsible for the functioning of it.

In the near future the ways and means of raising money for the many activities of Briscoe will be considered.

The following officers have been elected: Elaine Charlton, president; Jack Trowt, vice president; Louise Martin, secretary and treasurer.

Stagecraft Club

THE stagecraft club of Briscoe has started another year. For the last two years the members have been working on a model stage. This model stage is about one-fifth the size of the actual stage in the assembly hall. Mr. Robert Waite, adviser of the Stagecraft Club, hopes to complete it by the end of the school year.

Officers for this year are: President, Jack Cronan; vice president, John Wilson; treasurer, Norman Nadeau; secretary, Charles Pierce.

Woodcraft Club

THE Woodcraft Club is under the direction of Mr. Jesse Dutelle. The club has decided not to pay dues at the present time, as they have to pay for the material used. Some things made by the members are end tables, lamps, bookends, airplanes, magazine racks, and clock shelves. The club has 17 members that meet in the shop every other week. Officers of the club are: President, Raymond Jones; vice president, Philip Morris; secretary, Garret Lynch.

Stamp Club

ONE of Briscoe's most interesting and popular clubs is the Stamp Club. Each member enthusiastically shares his stamp interests and experiences with the others, thus creating a bond of friendship probably never to be broken.

The officers are: President, William McPherson; vice president, Thomas Beadle; secretary, Beverly Hepworth; treasurer, Robert Adams.

The club adviser for this year is Miss Cora E. Porter.

Glee Club

THE Glee Club has once again started its study of the finer qualities of music. To train Briscoe students to use their voices is the worthy purpose of this club. The sixty members are divided into four groups, twenty-one sopranos, sixteen altos, eleven basses and twelve tenors.

David Werme has been elected president, Rose Crisafulli, secretary; and John Corning, John Whitaker, Stephen Fortunato, librarians.

The club has practiced many holiday songs and contributed to the Parents' Night Assembly.

This club is under the direction of Mr. Freeman Garniss. Miss Edith McCurdy is pianist.

Junior Red Cross

THE forty members who enrolled in the Junior Red Cross Club, engage in rolling gauze bandages for the Beverly Hospital. This club was organized for girls who enjoy working with their hands. Approximately four bundles are rolled at each meeting, and sponges are also made by the girls.

The club is divided into two groups, each with a president, secretary, and treasurer. The president of the first group is Ethel Gangemi, and the secretary and treasurer is Edith Swanson. Edith Bramwell is president of Group Two, with Daisy Melei as secretary and treasurer.

Miss Edna Spofford is the club adviser.

Dramatic Club

THE purpose of this club is to develop the students' acting ability. The members are selected on the merit of their own performances. The meetings are spent rehearsing and presenting short plays and skits and to the study of the art of make-up.

The officers of this club are: Willard Dame, director; Elizabeth Hutt, vice president; Priscilla Benjamin, secretary; and Judith Hall, treasurer.

Miss A. Elizabeth Fleet and Miss Edna Spofford are the advisers.

The Home Economics Club

THE Home Economics Club was formed to teach the girls a fascinating practical hobby. The club is divided into two groups. Group with Miss Pullen has a choice of making a skirt, housecoat, blouse, or a dress. Miss Ackerman's group was started with two goals in mind, (1) to teach girls to knit and (2) to teach those who already can to become more skillful. The officers of the club are: President, Georgia Dyer; vice president, Marion Driscoll; secretary, Adele Dinardo; ass't. secretary, Doris Sabine; treasurer, Gloria Murphy and ass't. treasurer, Eleanora Lamberti.

Sodalitas Latina

THE Latin Club (Sodalitas Latina) has once again begun its upward climb to enjoyment of higher education. The purpose of the resourceful club is "to increase knowledge and interest in Latin, and to become better acquainted with the Roman people and their customs.

The officers are as follows: Consuls (presidents), John Luciani and Sallie Crowell; Censor (secretary), Gloria Fuller; Quaestor (treasurer), Burton Chansky; Aediles, Joseph Callahan, Joseph Malloy, Jane Patch, and Jeanette Walker.

The Aediles, or program committee, has planned a variety of activities, including short skits, word games, topics, and a Christmas program. As a special project for the year, a model of a military tower will be constructed, and, perhaps, a Roman camp.

Miss Lois B. Larcom is the adviser.

Science Club

THE Science Club consisting of 28 members meets bi-weekly under the leadership of Mr. Frank Rhuland.

At the present time, the members are studying the movie projector, glass-making, and making weights.

Officers of the club are: President, Donald Vose; treasurer, Leo Pranikoff; secretary, Charles Cutler.

Snapping Sparks



Peter Presutti

Football, Rah!

FIFTY-FIVE boys responded to the call of football this fall. After many hours of practice, the following made the first team: George Bradley, LE; Frank Conrad, LT; David Werme, LG; Clayton Berry, C; Paul Mercaldi, RG; Francis Bettencourt, RE; Daniel Neville, RE; Albert Maxner, QB; Robert Killam, LHB; Gordon Miller, RB; John Trowt, FB.

Conversations Overheard at the Football Game

Sports Writer:

THE Hurd Stadium was packed with half frozen, yet eager and enthusiastic boys and girls. Coach "Bus" Foley was in a huddle with the team. We caught onto his last words, "Go out and win that game for me boys."

Winning Coach:

"Boys, you did swell! I wanted to win that game more than any game this season."

Losing Coach:

"You mugs looked like eleven Dopey's out on that field playing. Anybody'd think you never played football before."

Captain:

"Am I ever glad we won that game. I hope ah hum ah hum is waiting for me."

Girls:

"Isn't that boy with No. 41 just too ducky for words?"

Cheerleader:

"Come on you high and mighty, handsome girls, give the team a big cheer."

Candy boy:

"At least six hundred people here and I sell seven bars of candy."

9th Grade Boy:

"Nice game eh! Glad we won. How about letting me take your homework? I've got to catch up on my assignments before Miss Bunk gets down my throat again."

Alumnus:

"Hurrah! They won. Wait 'till I see Dick tomorrow at the office. I collect. How about going out and celebrating?"

8th Grade Boy:

"What was the score? I was so busy talking I forgot to watch the game."

—NANCY FOSSIANO, *Sports Editor*.

Briscoe 13 — Marblehead 0

OPENING its season with victory, Briscoe defeated Marblehead at the Hurd Stadium. Jack Trowt, veteran back from last year scored all the points. Gordon Miller 135-pound half-back constantly gained yardage. Miller carried the ball from Marblehead's 10 yard line to the 1 yard line and Trowt smashed through for the second touch-down. He then went over for the extra point.



Winter Fun

Barbara Sandberg

Briscoe 0 — Peabody 12

UP against a heavier team, the Briscoe eleven lost to Peabody Tanner's "B" squad. A deflected pass in the last quarter from Waterhouse slipped by Jack Trowt's fingers into the waiting arms of Kolodziej of Peabody, right end. Several aerial attempts were used in the last quarter, but Trowt's passes were fumbled. Touchdowns were made by Retos and Kilodziej of Peabody.

Briscoe 0 — Danvers 18

BRISCOE tasted its first defeat of the season from the Danvers eleven who piled up a score of 18 to 0. Two fumbles and a mixup in signals by the Briscoe team led directly to the three touchdowns scored by Danvers. David Werme, captain for the day, and Deluca, Danvers' dashing right halfback, were the two outstanding players. The spectacular play when Briscoe's left halfback, Albert Little, fumbled, and the ball fell into Newbegin's arms who ran fifty yards for a touchdown.

Briscoe 20 — Gloucester 0

THE Fishermen Team from Gloucester were met in Gloucester and defeated by the Blue and White of Briscoe. In the first period a reverse from Trowt to Killam went over for the first touchdown. Killam, one of the newer members of the squad, and Captain Jack Trowt were outstanding players of the day. The second and third periods brought touchdowns with line smashes by Trowt and end-runs by Killam.

Briscoe 25 — Somerville 6

AT the Hurd Stadium, Briscoe's squad defeated Somerville with Jack Trowt high scorer of the day. Bradley recovered a fumble on the 11 yard line and Trowt went over for the touchdown. Another fumble gave Briscoe the ball on the 20-yard line and

Trowt swept off tackle to the 1-yard line. In the next play, he went over for a touchdown. Miller of Somerville tossed a pass to Ryan of Somerville who made Somerville's only touchdown.

Briscoe 33 — Ipswich 6

BRISCOE stayed in the "win column" by defeating and trouncing the Ipswich Freshmen and scoring seven points in the first period, twelve in the second, fourteen in the third. No scores were made in the final period. Bob Killam's successive end-runs and Jack Trowt's line plunging netted much yardage for Briscoe and also made them outstanding players of the day.

Briscoe 14 — Somerville 6

AFTER two consecutive defeats, Briscoe romped over Somerville, but could score only twice. Briscoe's tallies came in the first and third periods on line bucks by the burly fullback, Jack Trowt. He gained territory continuously and was the "star" of the game. Gordon Miller also played a splendid game, much yardage being gained on his off-tackle and end runs. An intercepted pass on Briscoe's 10-yard line in the last few minutes of the game, gave Somerville her only score.

Briscoe 0 — Dummer Academy 6

BRISCOE played a post-season game with Dummer Academy for the benefit of the school and an audience of about five hundred responded to their call. Dummer completed a 60-yard march for a touchdown in the second quarter and held the lead throughout the game. Briscoe tried in the final minutes of play to overcome this lead when Bettencourt, Briscoe's right tackle, recovered a fumble on Dummer's 30-yard line.

This was Briscoe's last game of the season and at date their record stands five victories and three defeats.

Little Men About Briscoe

BOOM! Gunfire? . . . No, only one of Miss Ackerman's pupils turning off the gas jet . . . Who's the shortest boy in the eighth grade? . . . Trowt ponders . . . Eighth grade girls have "grown up" ideas concerning make-up . . . Should they wear it? . . . What was the attraction at the Athletic field during practice, for the girls of 9 CPF and 9 CPG? Was it school spirit? . . . Have all the girls gone catty? Cat collars seem to be the rage of Briscoe . . . Did you ever notice the pink flush on the face of a girl of 9 CPF, or is it sunburn at the mention of a certain band? . . . Speaking of *drummers*, Briscoe has a fine bass drummer too . . . Don't you think so? . . . Eighth grade students ask silly questions of ninth graders "Who's that man making faces?" . . . "Mr. Garniss practicing for his music classes" . . . "Who's that tall boy shrinking from the girls?" . . . "John Trowt, our bashful fullback" . . . A certain class always seems to be in a daze when leaving Room 23 on examination days. The wilted looks are due to disappointing marks. Better watch out! U's are unsatisfactory . . . Phyllis Edgerly seems to make new friends every day . . . How do you do it? . . . Losing popularity isn't much fun . . . It would be wise for some people to get down off their high horses . . . Everybody is doing it . . . Chewing gum in classes . . . As for candy, life savers are fine, but teachers detect licorice . . . Notice !! Fatheads aren't wanted on the football squad . . . Beer jackets come in handy during a quarterly test . . . Oops! The teacher is looking . . . Is there more pep and enthusiasm in the band since it has acquired a new drum major? . . . Some of the girls have been getting around town lately quite a bit. Even up to the dances at the High School . . . Careful! You might get bounced out !! . . . A broken arm gets a lot of publicity. Want to try it? . . . Hard, luck, Betty . . . Have you ever listened in on an eighth grade recitation class? You'll learn new things, such as, how touchdowns are

made in baseball . . . How can one be popular with a depleted wardrobe in his own right? Keep your eye on that new suit, Dad! . . . Strange noises have been coming from the auditorium. Nothing alarming only Miss Mullin and Mr. Phillips "tuning up" the orchestra . . . Beware! Camera fiends are lurking around corridors . . . How will they catch you? . . . Is there anything wrong with the drum major? . . . Who said so? . . . John Trowt may be able to shake off his football tackles, but he can't shake off his many feminine admirers . . . Paul Mercaldi seems to be the center of attraction in the typewriting room as well as on the football field . . . Must be his "speed," or is it his magnetic personality? . . . Remember the day when 9 CPF brought apples to Miss Whorff? Here's a secret . . . she didn't bake them herself. Isn't Mrs. Greenleaf a good scout? . . . Why didn't Georgia take the bus to North Beverly at two o'clock? . . . Why does the "center" of the first team take his time when passing Room 10? . . . Do you think that poor little sick geranium in Miss S. Barker's room will live to see spring? . . . Cooking recipes in English class? Yes, and in a boy's division too! Ridiculous, but entertaining for an eavesdropper . . . Miss Shatswell says the girls whisper too much in her classes. The girls claim it was only the pigeons cooing . . . Briscoe has turned into a movie theater . . . Don't step on the wires please! Go around the side aisle . . . Rip! Rip! Darn! I did that seam wrong again . . . Lost . . . Mr. Foley during second period . . . Found . . . After half the third period . . . Have you met the Romeo and Juliet of the old building? . . . Our editor-in-chief has a very persistent admirer . . . Where was Gloria Murphy the day after Jane Barter's party? . . . Which reminds me . . . I must hurry if I want to see the New Year arrive. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you. We'll be seeing you next June.

—BARBARA MERRILL.

—MARJORIE McLELLAND.

General Gleanings



Neil Mitchell

Junior Highlights:

Woburn Junior High School,
Woburn, Mass.

The eighth annual Elocution Contest was held in the Assembly Hall. The program opened with selections by the school orchestra. Certain pupils were selected from over a hundred who reported for the first trials. There were two first and two second prizes.

The Phillippian:

Alice L. Phillips Junior High School,
Wellesley, Mass.

This school has many different clubs such as follows: The Model Boat and Airplane Clubs, The Radio Club, The Photography Club, The Photoplay Club, Cartooning Club, The Girls' Athletic Club, The Boys' Athletic Club, The Dancing Club.

Curtin Junior Citizen:

Curtin Junior High School,
Williamsport, Penn.

Athletic letters were awarded this year to eleven pleased Curtin Junior High School boys. To earn these letters, the boys had to play in half or more of the games. They practiced many early morning hours, improving their knowledge of basketball. For faithful practice, honest effort, and general proficiency in the game, the eleven boys were awarded C's by Coach Morgan.

The Bedford Bugle:

Bedford Junior High School,
Westport, Conn.

This year twelve of the outstanding students of Bedford Junior High School were made members of the Westport Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. The election of members is based upon four qualifications: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

The Lincolnian:

Lincoln Junior High School,
Portland, Maine.

On April 22, 1938, Rudy Vallee talked to the pupils on, "How to Make the Most Out of One's Life Work." The climax to the program was when, at Mr. Stevens' request, Rudy stepped down from the platform to conduct the school orchestra in his favorite, "The Maine Stein Song."

As Others See Us

Stylus:

Lincoln Junior High School,
Malden, Mass.

The general theme, "The mail must go through" is well carried out. Prints add greatly to it.

We welcome your former principal to the Lincoln Jr. High.

March:

Francis A. March Junior High School,
College Hill, Easton, Pennsylvania.

We especially liked your clever page entitled, "A Guiding Star" which showed a very excellent quarter tone picture of Mr. Cronin, your former principal, to whom the page was dedicated.

A very interesting article, entitled "Your Stars" was published in the Astrology Issue of the Briscoe Briefs. It was a horoscope which was compiled for the class of 1938. The article which contained calculations from the Zodiac, and an exact interpretation of possible events to come, was very cleverly planned and well written.



Through the Drifts

Rodman Rainville

Homespun Hilarities



Eleanor Reinhold

"Why Daddy?"

"Snooks, let me see your report card."

"Why, Daddy?"

"You know why," said Daddy. "Weren't your marks good?" he asked when she did not answer right away.

"Under water, Daddy," was Snooks's reply.

"What do you mean?" asked her father.

"Wa-a-ll if you must know, they were below C level," cried Snooks.

"Tut tut," said father, "your marks should be better than that."

"Your home-work didn't help any," wailed the babe.

"Ahem! You are assigned the work, not me," added Daddy hastily.

"But you're the one that did it, not me," screamed Snooks.

"Nevertheless, Snooks, such a report card calls for a spanking."

"Yes, Daddy, I'll see to that. I pity you when Mother spansks you," laughed the child.

"You'll get spanked, not me," yelled Daddy.

"Why should I? You did the work and earned the poor marks," wailed the child.

Daddy was at his wits end. That night as Snooks lay in bed sobbing, her father said, "Well, Snooks, try to do better, dear."

Snooks chuckled and said, "Why, Daddy?"

—ARNOLD MOULTON, 8-LC.

Block That Period

I guess I will have to shift these quotation marks around the left end. Then the right end will rush out and throw the apostrophe a pass. Next I will have to rush through center and block out the capitals. That will be the end of the first period.

In the second period, the half back will throw the ball to the comma, the comma will hyphen the ball to me and I will read to the goal posts.

I can't think of my English exam and think of the big football game also!

—WILLARD DAME, 9-CPF.

Our Teachers

We've the strongest Whorff in town,
With our Fish none can compare;
We've a Porter short and round,
And a Larcom but no Ware;
We've a Bunk we cannot sleep in,
And a Barker but no dog;
There a Fleet that will protect us,
And our Parks are all agog;
And-er-son is very naughty,
And is far from being tame;
If you don't believe this rhyme
At least, you'll find your teachers' names.

—CLINTON CLARKE, *Humor Editor*.

Novel News in a Nutshell

Flash! News plus tasty recipes equal the following:

Today the Japanese soldiers will capture two eggs and boil them until Hankow falls.

The Wage and Hour law was burnt to a crisp giving the workers more smoke and less coke.

The Sudeten land added one half cup of sugar and one pint of cream to Hitler's Empire. Mix well and it will serve for a future war.

The Spanish war will be ready to take out of oven when temperature reaches 500° F. If this war doesn't turn out soft and tasty, send us a piece, and the war will be done over promptly.

—ROBERT ANDERSON, 9-CPF.

"I Double Dare You" — to skip Miss Spofford

"The Latin Quarter" — Miss Larcom

"You Look Good to Me" — Miss Rolfe

"I Love You Truly" — Miss Shatswell

"Please Be Kind" — Miss Pullen

"I Like To Make Music" — Mr. Garniss

"Don't Let That Moon Get Away" — Miss Fleet

"Home On The Range" — Miss Ackerman

"History Is Made At Night" — Miss McCurdy

"Now It Can Be Told" — When Reports Come out

Music or Movie Hits

Thoroughbreds All — The Faculty.

Take It With You — Your Pink Card

Too Hot to Handle — Exams.

The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse — Mr. Rhuland

Room Service — Mr. Faulkner

In Any Language — Mr. Jones is swell

Getting Some Fun Out of Life — Morris Cogan and His Girls.

Give Me A Sailor — Skipper Pickering

Speed To Burn — Fire Drill

The Crowd Roars — At the Football Assemblies

"Some Day My Prince Will Come" — Mr. Foley

"Music, Maestro, Please" — Miss Mullin

Stately Verse

How much does Cincinnati, O.?

And when will Scranton, Pa.?

What sort of clothes does Delaware?

What makes Macon so Ga.?

Whose grain does Kansas City, Mo.?

And who hunts Buffalo?

What made Chicago, Ill.?

Pray, what does Tacoma, Wash.?

Has Baltimore the great M. D.

An office in Oshkosh?

Iowa debt of gratitude

To anyone who'll guess

The answers to these questions,

And send them to U. S.

—DANIEL MCPHERSON, 9-CPF.

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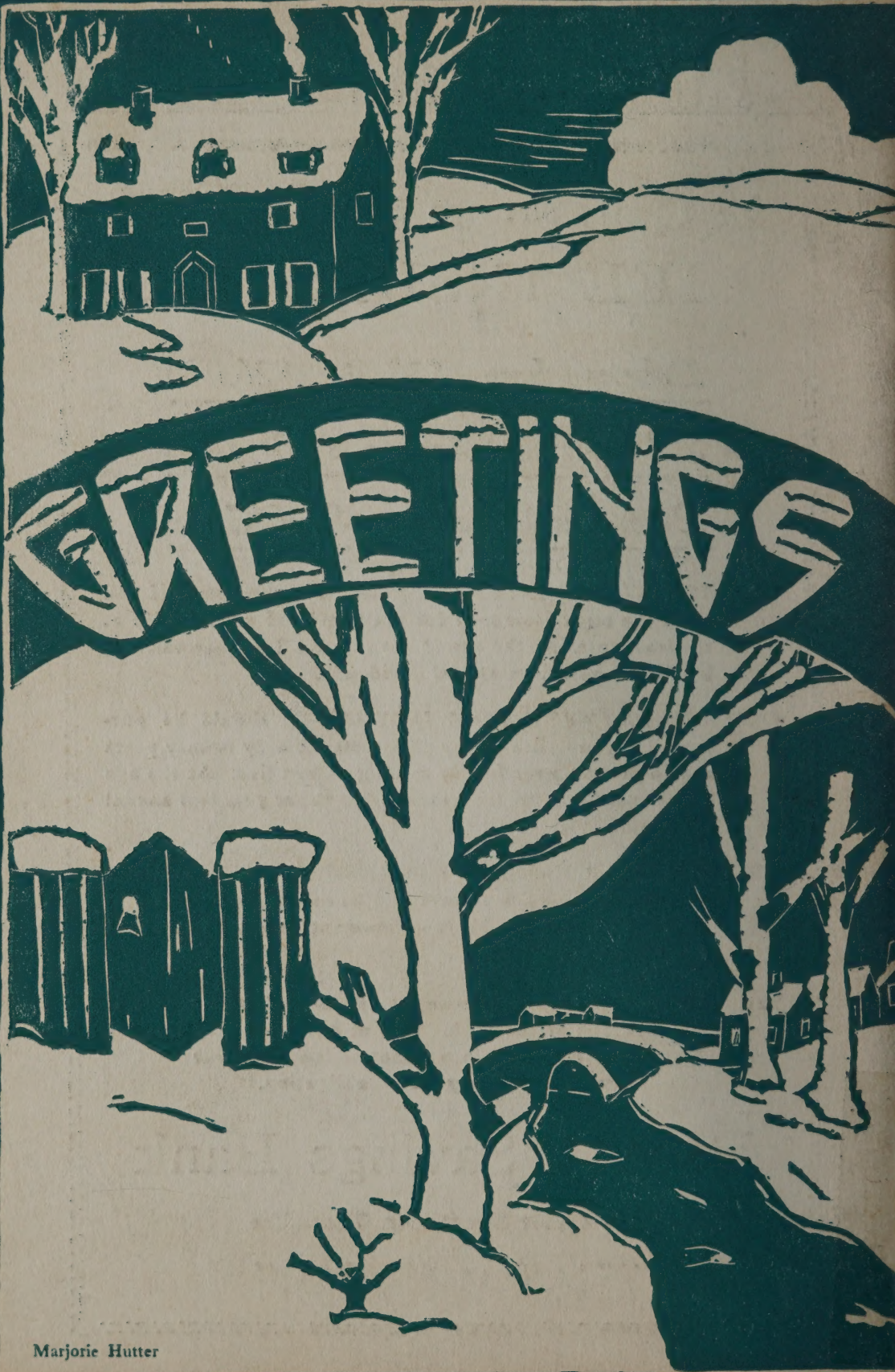
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